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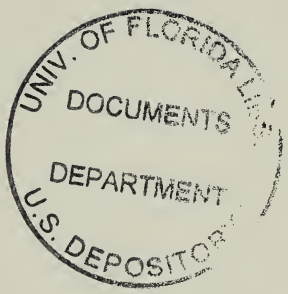

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Biography

WILLIAM ESTUS MCVEY was born on a farm near Lees Creek, Clinton County, Ohio, December 13, 1885; attended the public schools; was graduated from Ohio University with B. S. degree in 1916 and from the University of Chicago with A. M. degree in 1919; division superintendent in the Bureau of Education, Philippine Islands, 1908–1914; director of extension, University of Ohio, 1916–1919; superintendent of Thornton Township High School and Junior College, Harvey Ill., 1919–1947; lecturer at the University of Pennsylvania, summer of 1928, and Emory University, summer of 1929; president of North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools in 1943 and 1944; professor of education at De Paul University 1948–1950; member of board of directors, Ingalls Memorial Hospital, Harvey, Ill.; president, Harvey Memorial YMCA; author of several books and magazine articles; elected assessor of Thornton Township in 1949; elected as a Republican to the Eighty-second and to the three succeeding Congresses and served from January 3, 1951, until his death; had been renominated to the Eighty-sixth Congress; died in Washington, D. C., August 10, 1958; interment in Linwood Cemetery, Galesburg, Ill.

Memorial Services
for
William Estus McVey

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Proceedings in the House

MONDAY, *August 11, 1958.*

The Chaplain, Rev. Bernard Braskamp, D. D., offered the following prayer:

Jeremiah 32: 42: *Thus saith the Lord: I will bring upon them all the good that I have promised them.*

O Thou God of all majesty and mercy, may we daily be men and women of vision and of valor.

Help us to meet courageously the challenge of difficult problems and heavy responsibilities.

We humbly confess that we are frequently tempted to surrender to moods of futility and frustration.

May we count it our highest wisdom to commit our baffled minds and burdened hearts to the discipline and leading of Thy spirit.

We thank Thee for the life and character of our beloved and esteemed colleague who now dwells with Thee in eternal blessedness. Bestow upon the members of his bereaved family the consolations of Thy grace.

Hear us in Christ's name. Amen.

Mr. ALLEN of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, it is my sad duty to announce the sudden passing of our esteemed and respected colleague, WILLIAM E. MCVEY, last evening in Washington. His untimely and sudden death came as a great shock to his family and his many friends.

Representative WILLIAM MCVEY was born December 13, 1885; was reared on a farm in Clinton County, Ohio. He received a B. S. degree from Ohio University; A. M. and Ph. D.

degrees, University of Chicago; formerly division superintendent in Philippine Islands; for an extended period of time superintendent of Thornton Township High School and Junior College, Harvey, Ill.; professor of education, De Paul University, since 1949; lecturer at various times, University of Pennsylvania, Ohio University, and Emory University; president of the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, 1943–44; member of Phi Beta Kappa, Phi Delta Kappa, Phi Kappa Tau; Episcopalian; author of books and magazine articles; president, Harvey Memorial YMCA; member of board of directors of Ingalls Memorial Hospital, Harvey, Ill.; loyalty and efficiency award, American Legion; citation, AMVETS; married to Katharine Johnson, of Galesburg, Ill., and they have 3 children; elected to the 82d Congress November 7, 1950; reelected to the 83d, 84th, and 85th Congresses.

He was independent in thoughts and acts. He always had the courage of his convictions. His sentences were always logical, and whenever he addressed the House he meant every word he said. He spoke from the heart; he was gentle and kind.

He had a heart of gold. He could not bear malice against anyone. He possessed a most lovable character and a charming personality. He was endowed with a keen and analytical mind. His dominant thought was always the welfare of our country. I know that every Member of this body admired and respected him. All of us have lost a friend, an able colleague.

Our earnest sympathies are extended to his beloved wife Katharine; to his son, Dr. Emerson K. McVey; to his two daughters, Mrs. Jeannette Zucco and Mrs. Katharine Jane Reynolds and his only surviving sister.

Mr. MARTIN. Mr. Speaker, it is with real regret that I received word of the death of WILLIAM E. McVEY, of Illinois. Educator, author, soldier, and statesman, he served his country with great distinction. A kindly, sincere Congressman he won the close friendship of all with whom he came in contact. As a member of the Banking and Currency Committee, he rendered fine service to his country. His death is a genuine loss to Congress, the State of Illinois and to the Nation. To his family I extend my deepest sympathy in their hour of bereavement.

Mr. ARENDS. Mr. Speaker, I find it impossible to express how deeply I feel the loss of our colleague, Dr. McVEY. He had contributed much to my home State of Illinois and to the Nation through his work here in Congress. More than that, he has enriched the lives of all of us individually.

This quiet, unassuming man of learning was an inspiration to me, as he was to all who were privileged, as we have been, to be in his presence. His achievements in the academic world were many. He attended several universities and attained from each recognition of his intellectual ability. From Ohio University he was given the bachelor of science degree. The University of Chicago awarded him the degrees of master of arts and doctor of philosophy.

He delivered many lectures at many colleges. He wrote many books and many magazine articles. His contribution to enrichment of the minds of young men and women as university students is beyond measure. And likewise, his contribution to the enrichment of us who have served with him in Congress is beyond measure.

Dr. McVEY is no longer with us, but his words and deeds will always be with us. He has indeed left lasting "footprints on the sands of time" as a guide to all desiring to live a fruitful life.

With the passing of Dr. McVEY we have suffered a great loss. I have lost a personal friend for whom I have the greatest affection and admiration. I extend to his family my deepest sympathy.

Mr. BYRNE of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, with a heavy heart I realize our colleague, BILL MCVEY, is no longer with us. It was just last Friday that the gentleman from Illinois, our colleague, BILL MCVEY, was with us in this Chamber and it is an example of the fact that God Almighty has devious and different ways of letting us all know that none of us know the day or the hour when we may be taken from this world. As I stand here, as the Representative of the Third District of Illinois, I am going to miss in the days to come the gentleman from Illinois who represented the Fourth District just south of me. He preceded me in the Congress of the United States and was here for a number of terms. I recall, too, his professorship at De Paul University—my alma mater. I remember him, too, as a veteran of the First World War and his activities in the American Legion and other veterans' work. He made a mark in the field of education before he came to the Congress of the United States. I know he was a kindly man. He was a fine father and a devoted husband. He will be missed. To his fine wife and his fine children, I extend my sympathy. I know, as you do, that he is receiving his eternal reward in heaven. I extend to all his loved ones my sympathies.

Mr. SPRINGER. Mr. Speaker, I was one of those who came in January 1951 to the Congress with Dr. McVEY.

It has been a wonderful experience during these past 8 years to have known such a fine, inestimable person. He has always impressed me with his earnestness, his sincerity and his utter simplicity.

WILLIAM ESTUS McVEY

No man wore his Phi Beta Kappa key with more distinction but less concern for the honor than Dr. McVEY. He was one of those whose knowledge in the field of education was widely recognized. He practiced scholarship in every undertaking. His was a curious mind always looking for more knowledge and then, having achieved it, put to use for his fellow men.

In the field of education thousands of students went forth better equipped for life and with a great respect for a teacher who had made it possible. After knowing Dr. McVEY it is easy to understand why he left such a lasting imprint upon youthful minds. He was not one given to a great volume of words. Whenever he spoke he was listened to because we realized that much thought had preceded what he had to say.

He was one man about whom it could be truly said he did not seek office—the office sought him. I knew many of his closest backers in his district on the south side of Cook County. They were eminent men in the field of finance and business and civic enterprise. They sought Dr. McVEY as a candidate for office because they believed in his integrity and his utter honesty. In these intervening years he has served the people of his district well. He has made it a point to be present at all times when he was not ill or detained serving his people in his district.

It is easy for many of us who have enjoyed good health to serve in the Congress. Dr. McVEY had not enjoyed good health in recent years but he still gave the same steadfast service as if he had been a man 30 years younger.

He never lacked courage to face up to an issue—always the sign of a statesman. He came during the Korean war when our country was engaged in the struggle to maintain the principles for which he had always believed. Since then he has served on the Banking and Currency Committee and, for me, has been a source of information and knowledge in that

difficult field. He was always able to explain both sides of a legislative issue and he could give you clear and concise reasons for his stand upon any issue. It was this clarity of mind and thoroughness of purpose which made him valued to those of us who sought his advice.

Dr. McVEY has had a beautiful family life. Mrs. Springer and I have enjoyed knowing Dr. and Mrs. McVey during all of these 8 years. They have visited in our home and we have been in theirs. I can say for his bereaved widow that Dr. McVEY will not only be missed by her but by all of us who have come to love him for what he was and what he meant to us in the Congress. I know Mrs. Springer as well as myself extends to her our sympathy and understanding on so great a loss.

Mr. BROWN of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, Dr. McVEY was one of the most useful and outstanding members of the Committee on Banking and Currency. I was distressed to learn this morning of his passing. He worked tirelessly and intelligently. He will be greatly missed by all the members of the Banking and Currency Committee.

Dr. McVEY always looked for the best in his fellow man. I never heard him speak ill of anyone. I do not believe he had an enemy. He was highly respected by all who knew him.

I extend my deepest sympathy to his wife and family.

Mr. DAVIS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, it was with deep sorrow and sadness that I read in the paper this morning of the passing of Dr. McVEY. Through the years that I have served with him here in the House I formed a great affection for him. I regarded him with respect and admiration.

During his lifetime, as has been testified here today, he achieved a great many distinctions, but he wore his honors with becoming modesty. He was not an ostentatious person at all, but he had deep convictions, and he had the courage of his convictions. It was a genuine inspiration to serve with him here. I came to look up him as a man who carefully thought through all of the problems which continually come before Members of this body. I came to look upon his decisions on legislative matters as decisions resulting from careful thought. He was a man who, regardless of consequences, would vote his convictions upon legislation.

He will be greatly missed here, not only on his side of the aisle, but also on our side. I join with all those who today express their sorrow at his passing in extending sympathy and condolences to his family.

Mr. HARRIS. Mr. Speaker, another one of the most beloved and respected Members of this body has been called to his reward.

I have known Dr. McVEY since the day he first came to the House of Representatives. I learned to know him much better after he moved his office to my floor of the House Office Building. His office and mine have been in close proximity for some time now.

Dr. McVEY was one of the most serious and conscientious men of this great body. He approached the great problems of the Congress in a very serious-minded way. He was a man of great experience, a man who gave a lot of thought and study to the problems of the common ordinary individual. His vast experiences prompted his deep devotion to education and the cause of education, but he had a much broader viewpoint than just the one subject as he served with equal distinction his district and the Nation.

Those of us who have learned to know and love Dr. McVEY realize that he was a man of sterling qualities, a man of character and reputation. We can ill afford to lose such great and outstanding men from this body and the citizenry of this country.

In expressing my feelings of personal loss I want also to extend to the Illinois delegation my sympathy and to his family my sincere and deep sympathy in their bereavement.

Mr. O'BRIEN of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, in the untimely passing of our colleague, the Honorable WILLIAM E. McVEY, the Illinois delegation has suffered a great loss and all in the delegation are feeling a deep personal grief. He was a man of sweet personality, a man of large ability and of deep learning. Yet, in all of his associations he was gentle, unassuming, and self-effacing. While we were of different political parties, I counted him among my dearest friends. There was never a time when the interest of Chicago was at stake that Chicago could not count on BILL McVEY and I wish to say that no member of our delegation made a larger contribution to Cal-Sag, the Lake Michigan water diversion and the other measures needed for the welfare of the people of Chicago. He served Chicago, Illinois, and the Nation with dedicated devotion. Mrs. O'Brien joins me in deepest sympathy to his widow and his children.

Mr. O'HARA of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, mine is a feeling of personal loss. Dr. McVEY was one of the sweetest men that I have ever known. He was a man of great learning, he was a man of tremendous ability; yet he was always simple, he was always plain. He never projected himself into the limelight. There was about him a fairness, a fairness that is seldom seen in such measure as it was in Dr. McVEY.

We were very close friends. His congressional district joins the district that I represent. Although we were of different political faiths, always between us there was a great bond of understanding and affection.

Not too long ago he told me that he had decided he could not run again. He knew the condition of his health and he felt he should retire. But when the people of his great district asked him to forgo his own personal desires and to stand for reelection, finally he consented. In that, as in everything else in a distinguished and honorable life of usefulness to his fellow man, he placed duty, as he saw it, above personal comfort.

Here was an unusual man, a man who in his younger years was a vibrant part of the great educational system in the Philippines when American teachers were preparing the youth of the islands for the responsibilities of self-government. What Dr. McVEY contributed to the great task of popular education in the Philippines cannot be exaggerated. In later years he made an outstanding contribution to popular education in the metropolitan Chicago area. With this rich background of experience, he came to Congress and at once took high place in the esteem and affection of his colleagues.

In two Congresses I served with him on the Committee on Banking and Currency. He was the one Republican member of that committee from Chicago and I was the one Democratic member of that committee from Chicago. Always we worked together in the causes in which Chicago was interested, and when there were other matters on which we differed I respected the sincerity of his views as he respected the sincerity of mine, and our friendship grew in warmth. He was an able and dedicated member of that committee, an able and dedicated Member of the House, one of the towering scholars of the Congress, and, above all, as sweet and gentle a personality as ever I have known.

To his fine wife and his children I express my deepest sympathy.

Mr. COLLIER. Mr. Speaker, it was a great shock to me—as it was to all of his friends—to learn today of the sudden death of our good friend and colleague, the Honorable WILLIAM E. McVEY, of Illinois. I am sure our distress is more than shared by the people of the Fourth Congressional District of Illinois where BILL McVEY was for years a well-known civic leader and beloved friend to all. Generations of school children grew to know and feel great confidence and trust in the man who guided the destiny of the school system in Harvey, Ill. His ability was recognized in this field as witness his selection as a lecturer on educational administration at a number of universities, including the Universities of Pennsylvania and Ohio. He was also elected president of the North-Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, a position of both honor and responsibility. He wore the honors well; he discharged the responsibilities with a firm, sure hand.

When, in 1950, a new figure, a new vitality, was needed in the fourth district, the people turned naturally to BILL McVEY as their Representative in Congress. He has not failed to measure up to their expectations. There could have been no finer Member of the House, no harder worker, no more local colleague.

Through a long and purposeful life, BILL McVEY devoted his time, talent and energies to serving the people around him. He served in the Philippine Islands, and has since served in various educational positions in Illinois and elsewhere. He was for many, many years superintendent of the Thornton High School and the junior college at Harvey. He has been president of the Harvey YMCA and a member of the board of the Harvey hospital.

To all of these positions he devoted great energy and a considerable amount of time. As his life waned, he tried a number of times to give up these honors and responsibilities, and even contemplated a number of times retiring from Congress. But every time he made the suggestion that he wished to retire, he was prevailed upon by his people and by his colleagues to continue in harness. He continued. And to everything he did, he devoted too much energy, too much of the strength left to him.

The result came last night, when WILLIAM E. McVEY'S body could no longer keep up with his strong and determined spirit.

Mr. Speaker, the House has lost one of its finest Members; we, as individuals, have lost one of our most beloved colleagues; the people of Harvey have lost a most devoted friend and servant. But all of our loss is minor by comparison with that of Katharine McVey who has lost her husband. I would like to take this opportunity to express to her my own deep sympathy and I am sure that in doing this I speak for everyone of my colleagues who knew, admired, and liked BILL McVEY.

Mr. HALLECK. Mr. Speaker, I join with my colleagues from Illinois and others in expressing my dismay at the unexpected death of our admired and respected friend, WILLIAM E. McVEY.

We knew him as a man of scholarly attainments who had made his mark in the field of education before coming here to the Congress.

Born and reared on a farm in Ohio—in the great Midwest—"Doc" McVEY typified the American story, the story of a boy with no advantages of wealth or position who made the most of opportunities offered by this wonderful land of ours.

His wide background of learning was reflected in the quality of his contributions as a member of the Committee

on Banking and Currency, on which he served with recognized ability.

As a Representative of the Fourth District of Illinois Dr. McVEY was my neighbor, his home town of Harvey being located just across the State line from Indiana. In his passing, the people of that district have lost a hard-working, conscientious Representative who served his constituency with devotion during nearly four terms of Congress.

I shall always remember "Doc" McVEY as a man whose humility and gentle nature spoke eloquently of his true wisdom.

To his bereaved family I extend my deepest sympathy, and I share with them the sorrow of their loss.

Mr. BROWN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I knew that my good friend, Dr. WILLIAM McVEY, had not been in good health, but yet the news of his sudden passing came as an extreme shock to me.

BILL McVEY, as we loved to call him, was born and reared, not only in my own district, but also in my home county of Clinton out in Ohio, just a few miles away from where I live. The McVEY family has long been one of the outstanding families of southern Ohio. Throughout the years it has contributed many exceptional men and women to the betterment of our local, State, and National life.

Congressman McVEY's original university training was taken at Ohio University, at Athens, Ohio, where he graduated at the head of his class, winning the Phi Beta Kappa award for scholarship, after making one of the highest grade averages ever made in the history of that aged educational institution.

Mr. McVEY was a kindly man; he was an able man; he was a brilliantly educated man; he was one of our Nation's leading educators; and one of our soundest legislators. Yet

he wore his many laurels lightly and without any ostentation. He possessed the highest character and reputation. He stood and fought quietly but courageously for those things in which he believed. His place in the Congress of the United States will be difficult to fill. Those of us from Ohio, from whence he came, join with those of the Illinois delegation in extending our heartfelt sympathy to his family in expressing our regret over having lost a truly great American from our national life.

Mr. BETTS. Mr. Speaker, I was shocked and grieved to hear of Mr. McVEY's death. He was one of my close personal friends. We came to Congress at the same time and served together on the Banking and Currency Committee.

No Member of Congress ever served his district and his country more ably and conscientiously than BILL McVEY. In his quiet way he contributed much to his committee and to legislation in general. But more than that, he was always a gentleman. His personality was the kind that won him friends from every walk of life. In his family and official life he represented everything that Americans expect and admire in their public servants.

It was a high privilege for me to have known him and worked with him. His passing is a sad occasion and a distinct loss, not only to me but to everyone who knew him. I join with his colleagues in expressing my sympathy to his family.

Mr. TALLE. Mr. Speaker, the sad news of Congressman McVEY's sudden death that came over the radio this morning shocked and grieved me. As my colleagues are aware, we learned to know one another very well when we served together on committees. Dr. McVEY and I served together on the Committee on Banking and Currency for many years.

My knowlege of him is ample evidence that these eloquent tributes that have been paid to him are well deserved.

Congressman McVEY responded diligently to the calls of his people for service. During sessions of the Congress he occupied his chair in the Committee on Banking and Currency, was at work in his office, or did his duty in the House of Representatives. He was always attentive to duty and did his work well. As has been stated, he thought before he spoke. His words were few, but his words carried meaning. I do not recall that Dr. McVEY ever spoke an unkind word about anybody. He was devoted to constructive thought and positive action.

I think of the many fruitful years he spent in the field of education, for which he was unusually well trained and by temperament remarkably well qualified. He achieved great distinction in that important field.

Several members of my immediate family have had the pleasure and satisfaction of being his constituents, and from them I have heard nothing but favorable comments. They were always happy to support him in his campaigns.

Mrs. Talle and other members of my family join with me in expressing deep-felt sympathy to Mrs. McVey and all of the bereaved.

Mr. BUDGE. Mr. Speaker, it was with a feeling of deep personal loss that I entered the Chamber this morning, for I knew that one of my closest personal friends, the distinguished gentleman from Illinois, would not be seated in the Chamber at the time prayer was offered, as was his custom. "Doc" McVEY, as he was affectionately known to those of us who came to the Congress with him in the 82d Congress, was a man of the highest principles. He was a man who always did what he had the perception to see was right; and, of course, he did that right to the end.

He campaigned on a platform opposing socialistic trends and opposing big government. He lived up to his campaign pledges to the very day of his death.

I know that each of us joins with his family in a feeling of deep, sincere sadness at the passing of one of the finest Members of the Congress.

Mr. CUNNINGHAM of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, although there is little more that can be said, I do not wish this moment to pass without paying tribute to one of the best friends I ever had and one of the sweetest characters I have ever known. I was much impressed by what the gentleman from Illinois [Mr. O'Hara] said of the sweetness of his character. I feel that very deeply about him. I visited with him practically every day on the floor of the House or somewhere about the Capitol during the past 5 or 6 years. I came to know him well. I always had the feeling when I was visiting with him that I was talking to a man of superior intellect; and yet never by word or act did he convey the impression that he, himself, thought so—a true sign of greatness. He also had a sence of humor which I can illustrate by what happened just last week. We had a quorum call and as I walked back this aisle, he was sitting there and he said, "Well, Paul, I see we voted alike again," without cracking a smile.

I visited with him frequently about his district and his people. He was a man who loved his own people. He just liked people. It seemed that he had spent his life doing things for people in his own way.

Yes; someone said he was a master of the arts. Truly he was. I never knew a man who could say as much in as few words as could "Doc" McVey. In his passing, this Congress, his State, and the Nation have lost a great soul.

My deepest sympathy goes to his wife.

Mr. O'HARA of Minnesota. Mr. Speaker, it was with deep sadness that I learned this morning of the sudden death of our colleague, WILLIAM E. MCVEY, of the Fourth District of Illinois.

Only last Friday I visited with him and conferred with him relative to the legislation which was pending upon the floor at that time.

All of us respected and liked BILL MCVEY. He was a gentle, scholarly, conscientious Member of Congress.

I am sure there is no one in the Congress who had been more closely and intimately connected with education than was Mr. MCVEY. He had degrees from various distinguished universities including Ohio University and the University of Chicago and had been a professor of education of De Paul University since 1949, a lecturer at various times at the University of Pennsylvania, Ohio University, and Emory University, as well as having been president of the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

The fact that he had been a member of the Phi Beta Kappa fraternity indicates the brilliance of his mentality.

In am sure that everyone in the House admired and respected Mr. MCVEY, as I did, for the fine gentleman and able, conscientious Representative that he was.

To Mrs. McVey and to his children, I extend my deepest personal sympathy.

Mr. HARVEY. Mr. Speaker, it was with genuine and sincere regret that I learned this morning of the passing of our colleague from Illinois [Dr. MCVEY]. I had a definite feeling of personal friendship for him that a Member shares with possibly only a few of his colleagues. It was a feeling of deep kinship and one of great affection.

I frequently have paused to recall the fact that here was not only a brilliant man, but also a very humble one, who

had a deep conscience and a great belief not only in the system of government that he so stanchly supported, but in the importance of the well-being of the average person. His gentleness of character was also associated with an intellectual honesty that made him stand out as peer among his colleagues. Mrs. Harvey and I join in extending our sympathy to his bereaved family.

Mr. ADAIR. Mr. Speaker, it was with a very real sense of loss that I learned this morning of the death of BILL McVEY. Ever since he and I came here together in the 82d Congress I have regarded him as one of my very best friends and certainly a man worthy of our respect and admiration. He was, as others have said here today, a very gentle man. He was a scholar in the true sense of the word. He was a patriot. He was a man who loved his country and his people. Truly his place here will be difficult to fill, and we shall miss him greatly.

Mrs. Adair joins me in expressing sympathy to Mrs. McVey and the family.

Mr. McGREGOR. Mr. Speaker, I join my colleagues in paying respect to "MAC" McVEY, as I knew him. I have lost a loyal friend, a great and worthy counselor. The family has lost a loving husband and father. The Nation has lost a great American and a great citizen. I extend to the family my deepest sympathy in this, their hour of bereavement.

Mr. McDONOUGH. Mr. Speaker, I join my other colleagues in expressing the great sorrow and shock we have sustained in the passing of one of our very beloved Members of this Congress. I have had an intimate acquaintance with

Dr. McVEY for a number of years as an associate committee member on the Banking and Currency Committee. He always exemplified to me the high type of intellect and good American spirit that should be represented by a Member of this Congress. He had a keen intellect. He was always present at committee meetings. He contributed greatly to the deliberations of the committee and also to the bills that were reported by the committee to the House.

I join my other colleagues in expressing my sincere regrets and our consolation to his family. I believe the State of Illinois, this Nation, and this House have lost a great man in the passing of Dr. WILLIAM McVEY.

Mrs. CHURCH. Mr. Speaker, there are moments when no words can express what is in our hearts. I had not known of Dr. McVEY's death until just a few moments ago. He was the last to see me when I left here Friday, after both of us had had a hard and strenuous day. As I left he said, "You know, when you have made up your mind and done the best you can in making it up that way, nothing else matters. If you think you are right, that is what counts."

I have known Dr. McVEY since we both came here as freshmen Members of the Congress in January 1951. My admiration and respect for him have grown each day of the passing years. We have been very proud of him in Illinois. Without belittling any other Member, I would like to pay him the additional tribute of saying that he was one of the few scholars who have come to this House, holding a doctor's degree and being a member of Phi Beta Kappa—but always using his pedagogy to make life richer and more real, never falling into abstractions, but trying always to make his country better. I like to think of his gentleness, of his friendliness, of that calm spirit of dispassion in which he would review both sides of an issue and then reach that moment of

decision which others oft found difficult. Where others might rush to decision—in ignorance of all the issues involved—or emotion—Dr. McVEY solved the problems for himself and for his country through careful thought, long study and a yardstick that measured an act not by whether it had popular appeal but by what its effect would be upon the country that he loved more than life itself. It is going to be difficult to think of the Illinois delegation without Dr. McVEY. None of us, try as we may, can supply what that Christian gentleman and scholar brought to our deliberations, or the friendship that he gave so warmly to each of us. I am thinking of his family. It is not easy to lose a husband or a father during his service in the Congress of the United States. Home never seems quite so far away. Yet I can say to Mrs. McVey and mean it, that she will come to find comfort in the very fact that he was taken while he was still active and at the height of his powers, going with a smile on his lips into a richer life and carrying with him all the praise that a grateful Nation reserves for those who have served her well. That knowledge will be to her forever a source of strength and comfort, a stimulus to fuller living and deeper inspiration. I extend to her and to her family my understanding sympathy.

Mr. HIESTAND. Mr. Speaker, I wish to join with my colleagues and to commend them for the tributes they have been and are making to our recent colleague, the Honorable WILLIAM McVEY, of Illinois. I knew him, perhaps, better than some because I sat alongside him in the Committee on Banking and Currency. He was an authority on banking and currency. He had these college degrees and was a scholar, but unlike many scholars he was constantly a student. He was a very deep student of monetary affairs—gold, debt management, and inflation. I had occasion to compare notes with him frequently on some of these subjects. I enjoyed his com-

pany because he had not only this giant intellect but also a delightful sense of humor, a straight and clean method of reasoning. Truly, Mr. Speaker, the House has lost a tower of strength. I join with my associates in great regret at his passing.

Mr. BEAMER. Mr. Speaker, it is with a deep sense of grief that I join our colleagues in expressing my sympathy to the McVey family in the passing of one whom we respected and loved.

I, too, came to the Congress with BILL MCVEY in the 82d Congress. It did not take me long to learn of his sterling qualities, his unswerving character, and his loyalty and devotion to his work and to his country. So often I have felt that he was a man I wanted to emulate, and I know I did so on many occasions. In fact, there were many times when, as I sat beside BILL, I would ask him what he thought about this or that measure. I always found he was thinking not of BILL MCVEY but of the people back home and of the future generations who would be affected. He was not only thinking of the present but always of the future.

So I want to join with my colleagues of the 82d Congress and the present Congress in paying tribute to this man we always liked to emulate. Mrs. Beamer joins me in expressing our sense of heartfelt loss, our sincere regard, and deepest sympathy to his family.

He has preceded us but a short while in his journey to that great land. Let us so live that with him we may approach that event with an unfaltering trust and as serenely as he who has wrapped the draperies of his couch about him and laid down to pleasant dreams.

Mr. BOYLE. Mr. Speaker, it is a sorrowful assignment to take the floor this afternoon to memorialize a colleague and

a friend who but last Friday greeted me in the Chamber here, when we exchanged pleasantries as we have done almost every day since I came here in the 84th Congress.

Congressman McVEY is almost a legend where I come from. I grew up in the shadows of Thornton Township and the shadows of Harvey, Ill.; and there, as almost everywhere, his reputation for truth and for honesty and for integrity, for intelligence and talent is remembered permanently among the fine citizens of that sector of our State.

In the law we say a man can always defend his general reputation but not his specific acts. That is a postulate in the case of Congressman WILLIAM McVEY, he not only deserved that general reputation, but every one of his specific acts indicated he took his fiduciary relationship with his constituents, the people of Illinois, and the people of the United States, in the highest traditions of that assignment, because we find him always exercising the greatest care, obedience, loyalty, and duty to account in his lawmaking assignment.

We do not have to search far to find some appropriate and meaningful paragraph or statement that might point up his dedication, his aims, and his norms or yardsticks. Upon the wall in this very Chamber immediately in front of us we read Daniel Webster's poignant and succinct words: "Let us develop the resources of our land, call forth its powers; build up its institutions, and promote its great interests and see whether we also in our day and our generation can promote something worthy to be remembered."

By Congressman McVEY's attention to duty, he has written in his epitaph, in letters of gold, or at least of some such permanent, those observations and those goals enunciated by that former great statesman.

In the name of the Illinois delegation and the people of the great 12th district, whom I have the honor to represent,

I extend our heartfelt sympathy to his wife and family in the hour of their great loss.

Mr. VURSELL. Mr. Speaker, it was a great shock to me, as it was to all Members of this House, and particularly to the Illinois delegation, to learn of the death of our colleague, Dr. McVEY.

I have had a very close association with him for many, many years.

I only hope that when I have finished my service in the Congress, as doubtless other Members do in thinking of themselves, that the fine remarks of commendation, or at least some of them may be said about me that we have heard today in this memorial to our beloved colleague, Dr. McVEY.

Dr. McVEY spent his whole life in the service of his country, in studying the history of our country, in guiding the youth of our country. He has had a long service of interpreting to the youth our history as it has unfolded itself in the years he was in the educational service. As a tribute to his worth as a citizen, his educational leadership and community service, his people for years have reelected him to Congress where he has served with integrity and honor, which seems to me to be a fitting conclusion to a life of service to his country well done.

Mr. Speaker, I want to associate myself with all of the splendid commendations that have been paid to this colleague of ours today. I want to particularly point out that he had only one interest, in my judgment, in this Congress, and that was the interest of the Government of the United States, which is made up of all the people of the United States.

I have never seen Dr. McVEY hesitate to follow his considered judgment in rendering a service that he felt his conscience dictated that he should render.

It is going to be a great loss to the Illinois delegation, a loss to the Members of Congress generally, and the Nation.

I want in closing to take this opportunity of expressing the deep sympathy of Mrs. Vursell and myself to Mrs. McVey and their beloved family.

Mr. HENDERSON. Mr. Speaker, it is sad to realize that we will not have our good friend, Dr. McVEY, with us in this Chamber again. We regret that we will no longer have him on our Committee on Banking and Currency where we could ask for and receive his counsel and guidance. His deep insight into the affairs of our Government, into the matters that came before his committee, was of great benefit to this Nation. We feel a deep sense of loss because of his passing.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to express my heartfelt sympathy to his family, to his loved ones, to the Illinois delegation, and to his constituents who will miss him so very, very much.

Mr. MADDEN. Mr. Speaker, I was greatly grieved this morning when I learned of the passing of Congressman WILLIAM McVEY. I became acquainted with him when he first came to the Congress. His congressional district and mine adjoin the Illinois-Indiana State line. We have had a number of matters in common, legislatively and otherwise, during his service in the Congress. We both conferred several times during the last couple of weeks pertaining to a drainage and flood situation on the Little Calumet River that runs in both our districts. Several years ago we devoted considerable time on the same problem which ever few years creates a bad flood condition. I have always admired Dr. McVEY for his serious attitude and his conscientious hard work as a Member of the Congress. My relations with him, legislatively, have always been very cooperative, and I know that the people of his district and all his friends will be shocked to hear of his passing. America has lost a great

statesman; he legislated not only for his district in Illinois but for the benefit of the Nation generally far more than the average Congressman.

Very few Members come to Congress as well equipped as Dr. McVEY. He won degrees at Ohio University and Chicago University. He was a professor and lecturer at a number of colleges and universities. He also enjoyed considerable reputation as an author. His vast educational background and experience served him well as a legislator during his terms in Congress.

I wish to join the Illinois delegation in extending to his wife and family my sincere sympathy in their bereavement.

Mrs. ROGERS of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, it was a great shock to me this morning when I learned of the passing of Dr. McVEY. We in the East had great admiration for him, as well as all of you from the West, and, from the eulogies of the Members of Congress, those of the entire Nation. I can see him now sitting on this aisle with his ready smile for everybody, his kindliness, his intelligence. Dr. McVEY used his great intelligence to do what he thought was right not only for the United States but for the entire world; sure of himself, tolerant of the opinions of others, and he possessed great anxiety to help others. He was a great asset to the Congress and to this Nation. Dr. McVEY, I always felt, legislated from love rather than from hate or prejudice; a tremendously fine trait; a wonderful trait, and in nearly 34 years' experience in the Congress and nearly 50 years in Washington, I know it to be a trait more precious than rubies and one that is tremendously valuable to this great Nation. We have had many difficult votes to make, during the past few years especially, very far-reaching votes, and while I did not always vote with Dr. McVEY, I always knew when I passed

up the aisle where he always sat after voting there would be a ready smile and a sympathetic understanding.

The last time I ever talked to him, curiously enough, was when I yielded time to him and referred to him as "the gentleman from Ohio," little realizing that he was born in Ohio. So both Ohio and Illinois may claim him. But we of the East, too, would like to claim him.

Mr. Speaker, my deepest sympathy goes to his wonderful family and also to his hosts of friends. After I had referred to him as the gentleman from Ohio, the last thing I said to him was, "I shall never forget you now, Dr. McVEY." And I never shall forget him.

Mr. REED. Mr. Speaker, as the years go by it is becoming more difficult for me to stand up and pay tribute to the Members of this House for whom I have the highest respect and esteem. I became acquainted with Dr. McVEY when he came to Congress. You know, I feel that the greatest responsibility of a Member of Congress is so to conduct himself that he is an example to the young people who are coming on. I think a man like Dr. McVEY, and his wonderful life as he lived it, and as I have seen him live it here on the floor of the House, was a splendid example to the youth of America who will come along, patterned after him, to strengthen this Nation.

It has been said that bad will be the day for a man when he becomes absolutely contented with the life that he is living, with the thoughts that he is thinking, with the deeds that he is doing, when there is not forever beating at the doors of his soul some great desire to do something larger, which he knows he was meant and made to do. I believe Dr. McVEY had that everlasting desire to do something larger which he knew he was meant and made to do.

I extend my sympathy and that of Mrs. Reed to Mrs. McVEY and the children.

Mr. NEAL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to join the Illinois delegation in paying tribute to this wonderful friend and statesman who has just passed away.

Mr. Speaker, I considered Mr. McVEY one of our best informed and most effective Members of the House.

He approached legislative problems in a quiet, statesmanlike manner. His decisions were based on his overall concept of the Nation's needs and the individual Member's duty to his constituents. His conduct as a Member was one of dignity, poise, understanding, and tolerance. His record is one we should all be proud to emulate. His family has my deepest sympathy.

Mr. KILBURN. Mr. Speaker, I was greatly shocked to learn of the sudden death of my close friend, Representative WILLIAM E. McVEY. Mr. McVEY was a man of honor and integrity, a man of industry, and a man who placed the welfare of his country above selfish gain. His death is a great loss to our House Banking and Currency Committee, to the Congress, and the country at large.

I join his family and his colleagues in mourning for him.

Mr. HOEVEN. Mr. Speaker, I am grieved to learn of the sudden passing of my good friend, Representative WILLIAM E. McVEY, of Illinois. Another rugged American has passed to the Great Beyond and we shall sorely miss him in the days that lie ahead.

Representative McVEY believed in the Constitution of the United States with all his heart. He fought hard against

the infringement of the Federal Government on the rights and prerogatives of the States. He was a foe of socialism and communism and believed that the Federal Government should live within its income. Hence, he was always found on the side of those of us who believed in economy in Government.

In the passing of Representative McVEY, the State or Illinois and the Nation have lost a great champion for America and Americanism. The House of Representatives has lost one of its most distinguished Members, and I have lost a dear friend.

Mrs. Hoeven joins me in extending our deepest sympathy to Mrs. McVey and all members of the family.

Mr. MARSHALL. Mr. Speaker, it was my privilege on many occasions to visit and consult with WILLIAM McVEY. He was always friendly and considerate. He was a learned man. A man who had deep-seated convictions and a man who lived by those convictions. A fair man who weighed his judgment.

A hard-working Member, one could always expect to see him in attendance in the Chamber in performance of his legislative duties. He was a good Representative and a great American.

Like his many, many friends, I wish to extend my sympathy to Mrs. McVey and the other members of his family.

Mr. GROSS. Mr. Speaker, with so many other colleagues in the House I was shocked and grieved to learn of the death of my friend from Illinois, the Honorable WILLIAM E. McVEY.

Throughout last week's long and arduous sessions he was here among us on the floor of the House. He was in good

spirit and he seemed in good health. Certainly there was nothing to indicate he would so soon be taken from among us.

Mr. McVEY was a kindly man and yet, as the gentleman from Illinois [Mr. Allen] has said, he was a man of independent thought and of strong conviction. It is not easy to contemplate his loss, for this legislative body could ill afford to lose a man of his seasoned judgment and experience; his courage and conviction.

I join with my colleagues in extending to his good wife and other members of his family my condolences in this hour of loss and sorrow.

Mr. CANFIELD. Mr. Speaker, I shall miss the friendly smile, the personal warmth, and the helpful counsel of the distinguished gentleman from Illinois whose experience in life in so many humanitarian fields—youth work, education, medical care, and writing—made him stand out among men.

Congressman McVEY was character plus and it is readily understandable why his constituency recently advised him not to retire but to carry on. He loved people and he saw in his congressional assignment a special opportunity to render service to them in the world's greatest free legislative forum.

The gentleman from Illinois and his always gracious and charming lady, Mrs. McVey, went out of their way to be kind to everybody and Mrs. Canfield and I will never forget the wonderfully happy team they made. Our hearts go out to Mrs. McVey and their children in their great loss and sorrow and our prayers are for God's comfort.

Mr. McINTIRE. Mr. Speaker, the passing of Dr. McVEY removes from us one truly beloved. His kind, helpful manner endeared him to all, and his sound analysis of national problems brought many of us to him for counsel.

Bill McVey and his lovely wife, Katharine, have been personal friends of Mrs. McIntire and myself. We have valued the opportunities we have had to visit together.

Mrs. McIntire joins me in extending our deepest sympathy to Katharine and other members of Dr. McVey's family. We shall miss him greatly.

Mr. MACK of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, death has claimed an unusually heavy toll from this Congress. It has now taken one of our ablest Members. Perhaps the strain of this Congress has been greater, the workload heavier, and the hours longer. One wonders if this workload has not contributed to this heavy toll. Certainly, we have lost today one of our most dedicated and conscientious Members. I have served with Dr. McVey since 1951. I was fond of him personally and, as I learned to know him, I found that he was one of the ablest in our ranks. I shall miss him as I know he will be missed by his constituents whom he served faithfully and with distinction. I join with my colleagues in extending to his family my deepest sympathy.

Mr. ASPINALL. Mr. Speaker, I wish to join, even though but very briefly, in the fine tribute that is being paid today to the memory and services of our late friend and colleague, the Honorable William E. McVey. Mrs. Aspinall and I were deeply touched and saddened when we read in this morning's paper of the sudden visitation of the "Dark Angel" to the McVey home.

It was our good fortune a few years ago to visit the Panama Canal Zone in the company of the McVeys and their daughter. They were wonderful companions and made our trip so much more enjoyable than it otherwise would have been. As long as we live, we shall remember with keen pleasure those days spent together.

Our late colleague was a man possessed of a deep sense of responsibility and loyalty. He felt honored to serve his constituents in this House and every decision he made was arrived at after deep study and careful weighing of all the possible effects and results of his action. Always in his mind was: "What is the best for our country and its people?" A nobler and more honest spirit and personality could never be found. He was made of divine casting and his fellow men of all beliefs, faiths, and walks of life so recognized him. People are better because he walked among them—serving them well with the outstanding talents with which he was endowed by his Creator.

To Mrs. McVey and their family, Mrs. Aspinall and I extend our heartfelt sympathy. With his numerous personal friends, his constitutents and the people of the Nation generally, we join in thoughtful appreciation of his days and years spent in helping and serving his fellow men.

Mr. DOOLEY. Mr. Speaker, the sudden passing of WILLIAM E. MCVEY, the distinguished Representative from Illinois, takes from me and my colleagues in Congress a cherished friend, a recognized scholar, and an outstanding public official.

Scarcely a day passed that I did not have the pleasure of talking with him—here or there in the halls of the Capitol. Always he was the same quiet considerate gentleman, filled with humility and possessed of a deep consciousness of his obligations to the Nation and the people of his own constituency.

Learned, sympathetic, and dedicated to his responsibilities, he typified the finest traditions of a Congressman and gave astute and persevering service to the people of his district. More self-effacing than most men, he did not seek the office. His constituents asked him to represent them.

WILLIAM ESTUS McVEY

BILL MCVEY was not only my friend but my neighbor. We lived in the same apartment building and often walked to the office together. A kindlier, wiser, more understanding gentleman never sat in the Congressional Chambers.

Mr. LIBONATI. Mr. Speaker, the sudden death of Congressman WILLIAM E. MCVEY, our colleague from Illinois, marks the passing of a blessed man. He was a man of great wisdom and had a superb knowledge of the truth. He was truly a leader who understood the functions of government.

His entire life was spent in the field of education. He boldly espoused its cause in his books and magazine articles. He had been tutored in its every field—from his college days at Ohio State University—received his bachelor of science degree—through his master's and doctor of philosophy degrees at the University of Chicago; and then as division superintendent of the Philippines, district superintendent of Thornton High School and Junior College at Harvey, Ill.—he carried on in the improvement and advancement of education. His lecture courses at the University of Pennsylvania and Ohio, and as a professor of education at De Paul, since 1949, increased his authoritative acceptance and eminence. As president of the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools—1943–44—he perfected the correction of weaknesses in the educational systems. This literary scholar with this tremendous background became a pillar of supporting strength for the healthy development of the educational system in the State of Illinois. Congressman MCVEY'S honors are many, but among those which he held dear were his Phi Beta Kappa key, the American Legion loyalty and efficiency award, and AMVETS citation.

The passing of this great man, gentle in nature and mature in his reasoning, is a great loss to this Congress. Of noble and high integrity and deep compassion for the problems of

his fellow man, he enjoyed high prestige and respect among his colleagues. He was truly a great patriot and true public servant.

The Illinois congressional delegation, saddened by his loss, extends to his gracious lady, Mrs. Katherine McVey, and their three children, its sympathy and heartfelt condolence and know that only through a great intellect such as was his, a human being could have, as he did, the capacity of honoring God.

Mr. SHEEHAN. Mr. Speaker—

All which I took from thee I did but take,
Not for thy harms,
But just that thou mightst seek it in My arms.
All which thy child's mistake
Fancies as lost, I have stored for thee at home:
Rise, clasp My hand, and come.

—*Francis Thompson.*

I join my colleagues in mourning the death of WILLIAM E. MCVEY, Representative of the 4th District of Illinois since the 82d Congress.

The politically gifted colleague served his constituency for 8 years, having twice being drafted to run for nomination.

Sharing the deep grief that the Congress feels with the passing of our distinguished Member and friend, I would like to bring to the attention of all American citizens a summary of the highlights of his life.

An educator of note, he was for many years a successful administrator in the Illinois school system, an alumnus of the University of Chicago, and lecturer at the Universities of Ohio, Pennsylvania, and De Paul in Chicago.

In a professional capacity among his major posts, the following are worthy of note: President of the Illinois State Principals' Association, Alumni Association of the University of Chicago Department of Education, North Central Asso-

ciation of Colleges and Secondary Schools and Superintendent of Schools in the Philippine Islands.

As mentor to our youth, our distinguished colleague made numerous contributions to magazines and authored a series of handbooks for homeroom teaching.

A member of Who's Who in America and Who's Who in the World, our colleague was truly one of the world's notables.

For the inveterate world traveler and learned Member of Congress, I ask the mercy and the love of the Almighty.

FRIDAY, *August 15, 1958.*

Mr. SHEEHAN. Mr. Speaker, the very high respect and esteem in which our late colleague from Illinois, Representative WILLIAM E. McVEY, was held, is probably best evidenced by the editorials in the Chicago Daily Tribune and the Chicago Daily News.

The Chicago Daily News of August 12 featured the following editorial:

REPRESENTATIVE W. E. McVEY

The sudden death of Representative WILLIAM E. McVEY has deprived Congress of one of the stanchest advocates of Government economy and sound money.

His career illustrates the fact that a well-educated man is capable of holding conservative economic views and fighting for them effectively.

He was the valedictorian of his class at Ohio University, and a Phi Beta Kappa. He was a master of arts and a doctor of philosophy at the University of Chicago.

He was himself a distinguished educator. As a young man, he was a school superintendent in the Philippines. For many yearns he was superintendent of the Thornton Township High School and Junior College, and once served as president of the North Central Associations of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

For a few years before he entered Congress, he was professor of education at De Paul University. He was the author of several books and magazine artcles in the fields of education and economics.

A year ago, Mr. McVey announced that he would not seek reelection in 1958, when he would have completed four terms. He was, however, persuaded to change his mind. He was renominated in the primary and would probably have been reelected.

The Republican Party should make a diligent search for a man of equal qualifications and stature to take his place.

The Chicago Daily Tribune of August 13 editorialized as follows:

WILLIAM E. McVEY

The death of Representative WILLIAM E. McVEY is as great a loss to honest Republicanism as it is to his constituents. Mr. McVEY represented the Fourth District of Illinois, comprising part of Chicago and its southern suburbs. He was a Member of Congress for nearly 8 years.

His constituents had learned to love and respect him during the 28 years he was superintendent of Thornton Township High School and Junior College in Harvey. He was chosen by a caucus to challenge the Democratic incumbent in 1950, and won easily with the support of Democrats as well as Republicans. He wished to retire in 1956 and again this year, but both times he was persuaded to run again.

In Congress, he devoted himself in his own words "to the perpetuation of those freedoms which have made this country great." He fought the socialistic tendencies of the New Dealers and their disciples. As a lifelong educator, he saw the dangers of Federal aid to education; as a former tax assessor, he opposed ever-mounting taxes, which he described as "like icebergs. We see only a small part of them." The country can ill spare men of his courage and sense.

Mr. CHIPERFIELD. Mr. Speaker, I was deeply saddened to learn of the passing of our esteemed colleague, Hon. WILLIAM E. McVEY.

During his 8 years of service in Congress he enriched the lives of every Member of this Chamber, and contributed much to the people of Illinois and the country.

His interests were diversified and he was widely known not only in the field of education but also as an author. He

was an able member of the Banking and Currency Committee and always had the courage of his convictions.

Mr. McVEY was a sincere man of simple dignity and devoted to his work. Personally I have lost a warm friend, one for whom I had great regard and affection. I join with my colleagues in expressing sympathy to his devoted wife and family.

Mr. KEARNS. Mr. Speaker, it was with a sense of shock and sincere grief that I learned of the death of the distinguished gentleman from Illinois, Dr. WILLIAM E. McVEY. He was a great educator and statesman who dearly loved his country, and the fine contribution that he made to Government in the 8 years that he served in Washington will live long in the annals of the United States Congress.

To his family and friends, and to the people of his congressional district, I extend my heartfelt sympathy.

Mr. HORAN. Mr. Speaker, I, too, wish to join my colleagues in paying tribute to our departed associate, WILLIAM E. McVEY.

No more kindly and considerate Member ever served in this body. He was constant in his work both in committee and on the floor of the House. His was a useful life both as an educator and as a legislator.

I want to join others in expressing our sympathies to the McVey family.

Mr. JUDD. Mr. Speaker, I can only say "Amen" to all that has been said about our beloved departed colleague, Dr. WILLIAM McVEY. I want to add only one observation on the life of the man that came to me during a visit to his home-

town, Harvey, Ill., a year or so ago. I went to speak to a convention of teachers. After the meeting, I said to one of them, "Does not BILL MCVEY, your Congressman, come from Harvey, Ill.?" And the face of the man to whom I was talking lit up as he said, "Dr. MCVEY, of course—I never thought of that. Of course, you know him. Let me show you what he has done for our schools." He took me around in his car to show me the fine high school, I think they call it Thornton Township High School. The people who know a man best are those who work with him and the persons with extravagant praise for Dr. MCVEY are the teachers who have worked with him most closely in his hometown. I have never seen a community more devoted to a single individual, with greater respect, admiration, and affection for him than the people of that relatively small community have for this distinguished gentleman.

Then this teacher said, "Would you like to see his home?" So he drove me by his home, one of many comfortable, middle-class homes on a quiet, shady street.

Then he said we ought to go by the YMCA, because Dr. MCVEY had been the mainspring in raising funds to build their beautiful new YMCA.

Then he said, "We can make one more side trip and see the hospital." So we went by the hospital, a splendid building which had been built by a group of public-spirited citizens under the leadership of Dr. MCVEY.

The Scripture says, "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth." Why? Because the strong kill each other off or burn themselves out; the meek are left inheriting the earth. Dr. MCVEY was one of these powerful, meek men, and he received the full respect and devotion of all his associates there as he did here.

I never knew a man who more completely had the devotion of the community in which he had spent his life. WILLIAM MCVEY has received all the respect, praise, and admiration

anyone could wish for except the final "Well done, thou good and faithful servant" from his Maker. We know full well he now has that, too.

Mr. ALLEN of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I offer a resolution (H. Res. 680).

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

Resolved, That the House has heard with profound sorrow of the death of the Honorable WILLIAM E. McVEY, a Representative from the State of Illinois.

Resolved, That a committee of 23 Members of the House, with such Members of the Senate as may be joined, be appointed to attend the funeral.

Resolved, That the Sergeant at Arms of the House be authorized and directed to take such steps as may be necessary for carrying out the provisions of these resolutions and that the necessary expenses in connection therewith be paid out of the contingent fund of the House.

Resolved, That the Clerk communicate these resolutions to the Senate and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

The resolution was agreed to.

The SPEAKER. The Chair appoints as members of the funeral committee the following Members on the part of the House: Messrs. Allen of Illinois, Arends, Mason, Chiperfield, O'Brien of Illinois, Dawson of Illinois, Gordon, Simpson of Illinois, Vursell, Price, Mack of Illinois, Yates, Mrs. Church, and Messrs. Kluczynski, Sheehan, Springer, O'Hara of Illinois, Boyle, Gray, Byrne of Illinois, Collier, Michel, and Libonati.

The Clerk will report the remainder of the resolution.

The Clerk read as follows:

Resolved, That as a further mark of respect the House do now adjourn.

Accordingly (at 1 o'clock and 6 minutes p. m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, August 12, 1958, at 11 o'clock a. m.

TUESDAY, *August 12, 1958.*

A message from the Senate, by Mr. McGown, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate had adopted a resolution as follows:

SENATE RESOLUTION 375

Resolved, That the Senate has heard with profound sorrow the announcement of the death of Hon. WILLIAM E. MCVEY, late a Representative from the State of Illinois.

Resolved, That a committee of two Senators be appointed by the Presiding Officer to join the committee appointed on the part of the House of Representatives to attend the funeral of the deceased Representative.

Resolved, That the Secretary communicate these resolutions to the House of Representatives and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

Resolved, That as a further mark of respect to the deceased, the Senate do now adjourn until 11 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

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MONDAY, *August 11, 1958.*

Mr. DIRKSEN. Mr. President, it is my sad duty to announce the death last night of a Member of the Illinois congressional delegation, WILLIAM E. MCVEY, who has been a Member of the House of Representatives for nearly 8 years.

I had known WILLIAM MCVEY since before he was a candidate for Congress, and knew of him as the gentle and kindly person he really was.

He had devoted most of his life to the education and training of youth, and his efforts in that direction will have a deep and lasting effect on the trustees and citizens of this country for tomorrow.

As I think of him, I recall one line in the Sermon on the Mount. There it is written, "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works." If ever that could be applied to an individual, it could be applied to WILLIAM E. MCVEY.

At this time I desire to announce to the Senate that WILLIAM MCVEY passed away last night at the age of 73.

Remarks by Senator Dirksen

Of Illinois

SATURDAY, *August 16, 1958.*

Mr. DIRKSEN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to have printed two excellent editorials with reference to the late Representative WILLIAM E. MCVEY. The first is entitled "WILLIAM E. MCVEY" and was published in the Chicago Daily Tribune of August 13, 1958; the second is entitled "Representative W. E. MCVEY," and was published in the Chicago Daily News for August 12, 1958.

[From the Chicago Daily Tribune of August 13, 1958]

WILLIAM E. MCVEY

The death of Representative WILLIAM E. MCVEY is as great a loss to honest Republicanism as it is to his constituents. Mr. MCVEY represented the Fourth District of Illinois, comprising part of Chicago and its southern suburbs. He was a Member of Congress for nearly 8 years.

His constituents had learned to love and respect him during the 28 years he was superintendent of Thorton Township High School and Junior College in Harvey. He was chosen by a caucus to challenge the Democratic incumbent in 1950, and won easily with the support of Democrats as well as Republicans. He wished to retire in 1956 and again this year, but both times he was persuaded to run again.

In Congress, he devoted himself in his own words "to the perpetuation of those freedoms which have made this country great." He fought the socialistic tendencies of the New Dealers and their disciples. As a lifelong educator, he saw the dangers of Federal aid to education; as a former tax assessor, he opposed ever-mounting taxes, which he described as "like icebergs, we see only a small part of them." The country can ill spare men of his courage and sense.

WILLIAM ESTUS McVEY

[From the Chicago Daily News of August 12, 1958]

REPRESENTATIVE WILLIAM E. McVEY

The sudden death of Representative WILLIAM E. McVEY has deprived Congress of one of the stanchest advocates of Government economy and sound money.

His career illustrates the fact that a well-educated man is capable of holding conservative economic views and fighting for them effectively.

He was the valedictorian of his class at Ohio University, and a Phi Beta Kappa. He was a master of arts and a doctor of philosophy at the University of Chicago.

He was himself a distinguished educator. As a young man, he was a school superintendent in the Philippines. For many years he was superintendent of the Thornton Township High School and Junior College, and once served as president of the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

For a few years before he entered Congress, he was professor of education at De Paul University. He was the author of several books and magazine articles in the fields of education and economics.

A year ago, Mr. McVEY announced that he would not seek reelection in 1958, when he would have completed four terms. He was, however, persuaded to change his mind. He was renominated in the primary and would probably have been reelected.

The Republican Party should make a diligent search for a man of equal qualifications and stature to take his place.

Mr. DOUGLAS. Mr. President, I ask the Chair to lay before the Senate a resolution coming over from the House of Representatives.

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate a resolution (H. Res. 680) coming over from the House of Representatives, which was read, as follows:

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, U. S.,
August 11, 1958.

Resolved, That the House has heard with profound sorrow of the death of the Honorable WILLIAM E. McVEY, a Representative from the State of Illinois.

Resolved, That a committee of 23 Members of the House, with such Members of the Senate as may be joined, be appointed to attend the funeral.

Resolved, That the Sergeant at Arms of the House be authorized and directed to take such steps as may be necessary for carrying out the provisions of these resolutions and that the necessary expenses in connection therewith be paid out of the contingent fund of the House.

Resolved, That the Clerk communicate these resolutions to the Senate and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

Resolved, That as a further mark of respect the House do now adjourn.

Mr. DOUGLAS. Mr. President, on behalf of my colleague [Mr. Dirksen] and myself I submit a resolution which I ask to have read, and for which I ask present consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The resolution will be read.

The resolution (S. Res. 375) was read, considered by unanimous consent, and unanimously agreed to, as follows:

Resolved, That the Senate has heard with profound sorrow the announcement of the death of Hon. WILLIAM E. MCVEY, late a Representative from the State of Illinois.

Resolved, That a committee of two Senators be appointed by the Presiding Officer to join the committee appointed on the part of the House of Representatives to attend the funeral of the deceased Representative.

Resolved, That the Secretary communicate these resolutions to the House of Representatives and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Pursuant to the second resolving clause of the resolution, the Chair appoints the two Senators from Illinois [Mr. Douglas and Mr. Dirksen] as the committee on the part of the Senate to attend the funeral for the late Representative MCVEY.

Mr. DOUGLAS. Mr. President, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late distinguished Representative from Illinois, WILLIAM E. MCVEY, I move that the Senate adjourn until 11 o'clock tomorrow morning.

The motion was unanimously agreed to; and (at 10 o'clock and 58 minutes p. m.) the Senate, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late Representative MCVEY, adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, August 12, 1958, at 11 o'clock a. m.

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